

REMARKS

Claims 45-83 have been added. Claims 45-59 depend from claim 38, which has been allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for returning the initialed PTO Form 1449 submitted with this patent application. Additional Information Disclosure Statements and accompanying PTO Forms 1449 were transmitted to the Patent Office on the following dates:

- (1) November 8, 2000;
- (2) February 21, 2001;
- (3) June 22, 2001
- (4) November 5, 2001; and
- (5) July 12, 2002.

Applicants request initialed copies of these PTO Forms 1449 to indicate that these references have been considered.

The attorney docket number referenced in the Office Action is the docket number from the parent application. Applicants request that the docket number be changed to 032405-016 to reflect the docket number assigned to this patent application.

35 U.S.C. §112

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 43.

Hooks of a deployment device are disclosed in the specification at, for example, page 9, lines 18-20. Thus, the specification has provided enablement for claim 43. Applicants believe that claim 43 is in condition for allowance.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowance of pending claims 43 and 45-83 is respectfully solicited. Claims 38-42 and 44 have already been allowed. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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